Standard of National Games

†2622. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to constitute a board like in Board of Control for Cricket in India for games like Hockey, Football, Swimming, Tennis, etc. for improvement of games and to encourage players of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the standard of National Games is continuously falling down; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to improve the falling standard of National Games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. The Government does not constitute Boards/Federations for individual sports/games. Federations for hockey, football, swimming, tennis are already constituted and are autonomous bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. The participation as well as performance of Indian sportspersons in National Games has considerably improved in recent years.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above. However government is providing inputs for better performance of sportspersons in National Games in terms of training, exposure, coaching on scientific support etc.

Assistance to the States for promoting sports

†2623. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study has been conducted on the possibilities of development of adventures sports specially Snow Sports, River Raffting and Mountaineering;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are providing special assistance to the State for the promotions of these sports; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. However, action has been initiated to evaluate the Scheme of Promotion of Adventure.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposals received from various State Governments along with Non-Government Organisations/Educational Institutions/individuals etc. are considered on merit and grants are released to them as per provision of the scheme. There are no State specific allocation under the Scheme.

(d) During 2004-05, assistance to State Governments, Non-Government Organisations, Educational Institutions and individuals was given for the adventure activities like trekking, mountaineering, rock climbing, river raffting, para-sailing, long distance swimming etc.

Training to players

2624. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) with the formation of Organising Committee and the Apex Committee for Commonwealth Games having been set up, will attention of both Government and the Olympic Association be directed towards identifying the players, conducting the training camps, hiring of Indian or Foreign Coaches, and structuring training by including internationally accepted and tried inputs;

(b) if so, whether any comprehensive blue-prints have been drawn for each of these activity so that Indian participants could exhibit their best talent to win maximum number of medals; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The training of sportspersons for major international events including Commonwealth Games is